

The Rest of Esther

**1611 King James
Version**

Chapter 16

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16= 1 The great king
Artexerxes unto
the princes and
governors of an
hundred and seven
and twenty
provinces, from
India unto Ethiopia,
and unto all our

**faithful Subjects,
greeting.**

**16=2 Many, the
more often they are
honoured with the
great bounty of
their gracious
princes, the more
proud they
are waxen,**

16=3 And

**endeavour to hurt
not our Subjects
only, but not being
able to bear
abundance, do
take in hand to
practise also
against those that
do them good:**

**16=4 And take not
only thankfulness**

**away from among
men, but also lifted
up with the
glorious words of
lewd persons that
were never good,
they think to
escape the justice
of God, that seeth
all things, and
hateth evil.**

16=5 Often times
also fair speech of
those that are put
in trust to manage
their friends
affairs, hath
caused many that
are in authority to
be partakers of
innocent blood,
and hath

**enwrapped them
in remediless
calamities:**

**16=6 Beguiling with
the falsehood and
deceit of their lewd
disposition the
innocency and
goodness of
princes.**

16=7 Now ye may

**see this as we have
declared, not so
much by ancient
histories, as ye
may, if ye search
what hath been
wickedly done of
late through the
pestilent behaviour
of them that are
unworthily placed**

in authority.

**16=8 And we must
take care for the
time to come, that
our kingdom may
be quiet and
peaceable for
all men,**

**16=9 Both by
changing our
purposes, and**

**always judging
things that are
evident, with more
equal proceeding.**

**16: 10 For Aman a
Macedonian the
son of Amadatha,
being indeed a
stranger from the
Persian blood, and
far distant from our**

**goodness, and as
a stranger
received of us:**

16: 11 Had so far
forth obtained the
favour that we
shew toward every
nation, as that he
was called our
father, and was
continually

**honoured of all
men, as the next
person unto the
king.**

16: 12 But he not
bearing his great
dignity, went
about to deprive
us of our
kingdom and life:

16: 13 Having by

**manifold and
cunning deceits
sought of us the
destruction as well
of Mardocheus,
who saved our life,
and continually
procured our good,
as also of
blameless Esther
partaker of our**

kingdom, with their whole nation.

16: 14 For by these means he thought, finding us destitute of friends, to have translated the kingdom of the Persians to the Macedonians.

16: 15 But we find

**that the Jews,
whom this wicked
wretch hath
delivered to utter
destruction, are no
evildoers, but live
by most just laws:**

**16= 16 And that
they be children of
the most high and
most mighty, living**

**God, who hath
ordered the
kingdom both unto
us, and to our
progenitors in the
most excellent
manner.**

16: 17 Wherefore
ye shall do well not
to put in execution
the Letters sent

unto you by
Aman the son of
Amadatha.

16: 18 For he that
was the worker of
these things, is
hanged at the
gates of Susa with
all his family: God,
who ruleth all
things, speedily

**rendering
vengeance to him
according to
his deserts.**

16: 19 Therefore ye
shall publish the
copy of this Letter
in all places, that
the Jews may
freely live after
their own laws.

16=20 And ye shall
aid them, that even
the same day,
being the
thirteenth day of
the twelfth month
Adar, they may be
avenged on them,
who in the time of
their affliction shall
set upon them.

16=21 For Almighty
God hath turned to
joy unto them the
day, wherein the
chosen people
should have
perished.

16=22 Ye shall
therefore among
your solemn feasts
keep it an high day

**with all feasting,
16=23 That both
now and hereafter
there may be
safety to us, and
the well affected
Persians: but to
those which do
conspire against
us, a memorial of
destruction.**

16=24 Therefore
every city
and country
whatsoever, which
shall not do
according to these
things, shall be
destroyed without
mercy, with fire
and sword, and
shall be made not

**only unpassable
for men, but also
most hateful to
wild beasts and
fowls for ever.**